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Preparations for the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development

The Economic and Social Council,

Recommends to the General Assembly the adoption of the following draft resolution:

The General Assembly,

Underlining the significance of the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development, which will mark the tenth anniversary of the adoption of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development[1] and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development,[2]

Noting that the Commission will undertake, at its forty-third session, a review of the implementation of the Copenhagen Programme of Action[2] and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly,[3] entitled "World Summit for Social Development and beyond: achieving social development for all in a globalizing world", held in Geneva from 26 June to 1 July 2000, which constituted the basic framework for the promotion of social development for all at the national and international levels,

Building upon Economic and Social Council resolution 1996/7 of 22 July 1996 and also taking into account General Assembly resolutions 50/161 of 22 December 1995, 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 and 58/291 of 6 May 2004,

Considering the special nature of the task before the Commission for Social Development at its forty-third session,

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* In accordance with rule 72 of the rules of procedure of the Economic and Social Council.

[1] *Report of the World Summit for Social Development, Copenhagen, 6-12 March 1995* (United Nations publication, Sales No. E.96.IV.8), chapter I, resolution 1, annex I.

[2] Ibid., annex II.

[3] General Assembly resolution S-24/2, annex.

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1. *Decides* to focus on the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration on Social Development[1] and the Programme of Action of the World Summit for Social Development[2] and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly[3] through the expanded use of interactive dialogue, and with broad-based participation of governmental delegations at the highest level of responsibility and expertise, and of civil society and organizations within the United Nations system, bearing in mind the need to integrate the social development perspective in the comprehensive review of the progress made in the fulfilment of all the commitments contained in the United Nations Millennium Declaration;[4]

2. *Also decides* to emphasize the sharing of experiences and good practices on overcoming challenges to the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

3. *Further decides* to convene a high-level plenary meeting of the General Assembly, during the forty-third session of the Commission for Social Development, on the implementation of the Copenhagen Declaration and Programme of Action and the outcome of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly;

4. *Requests* the Bureau of the Commission for Social Development, in its preparations for the forty-third session of the Commission, to take into account the views expressed by representatives at the forty-second session of the Commission and to convene informal consultative meetings with the participation of all interested member States and observers, with a view to facilitating the work of the Commission at its forthcoming forty-third session.

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[4] General Assembly resolution 55/2.